**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABBSTRACT**

Public Services – Revenue Department – West Godavari – Eluru Division – Nidamarru Mandal – Sri A. Gandhi, Retired Tahsildar, Nidamarru – failed to prevent the illegal digging of fish tanks in the area covered by below 5 contour of Kolleru Wild Life Sanctuary – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules 1991 – Retired from service on AN of 31.01.2014 – Inquiry officer report submitted – Inquiry report communicated – Explanation called for – Imposed punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years against Sri A. Gandhi, Tahsildar (Retd) – orders issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III.2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.RT.No. 660 Dated: 07-07-2017
Read the following:-

1) From the CCLA Lr. No VS.II(2)/316/2015 dated 11.08.2016 along with the Enquiry officer & PD DWMA, Eluru Rc No F/260/2014 dated 30.11.2014
2) Govt. Memo No 18023/15/2016-VIG.III-REV dated 30.11.2016.
3) Explanation of Sri A. Gandhi, former Tahsildar, Nidamarru Mandal now retired, Dt. Nil.
4) Govt. Memo No 18023/15/2016-VIG.III-REV dated 02.01.2017.
5) Explanation of Sri A. Gandhi, former Tahsildar, Nidamarru Mandal now retired, Dt. 24.01.2017.
6) From Secretary APPSC Lr. No 321/DC&C/1/2017 dated 17.06.2017

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**ORDER:-**

In the reference 1st read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada has reported that the Revenue Divisional Officer, Eluru has inspected Nidamarru Mandal along with the Tahsildar and noticed during the enquiry, fish tanks were dug nearly Ac.65.00 cts, in Nidamarru Village and Ac. 67.00 cts., in Venkatapuram Village the entire area falls below +5 contour area and existing drains are found to be damaged. The Tahsildar has not taken any steps to seize the proclainers even after issuance of instructions from time to time. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Eluru has observed that the Tahsildar, Nidamarru, the D.F.O., Wild Life and their staff have colluded with the persons who were involved in digging of fish tank bunds and requested the District Collector to take necessary action against the irregularities committed by the officials.

2) The District Collector has initiated disciplinary action against Sri A. Gandhi, the then Tahsildar and now retired duly framing charges against him, and after receipt of the explanation he has appointed PD, DWMA, West Godavari, Eluru as Enquiry Officer to conduct regular enquiry on the charges framed against the Charged Officer. The enquiry officer has submitted his report on 30.11.2014 stating that the charge is held proved and that Sri A. Gandhi, Tahsildar who is facing the above charge was retired from service and recommended to take lenient view against him.

3) The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, has also stated that, Sri A. Gandhi, Tahsildar Nidamarru (Mandal) Retired on 31.01.2014 since the Government is alone competent to initiate / conclude disciplinary action in respect of above Government servant, as per rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 (2) (b) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980, and requested to take necessary action in the matter.

4) In the reference 2nd read above, Government have communicated the Inquiry officer report to Sri A. Gandhi, former Tahsildar, Nidamarru now retired under Rule 21 (1) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Control, Classification & Appeal) Rules 1991 and directed to submit his explanation on the findings of Inquiry officer report. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri A. Gandhi, former Tahsildar, Nidamarru, West Godavari District has submitted his explanation and requested to drop further action against him.

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5) Government after careful examination of the Enquiry report and the explanation of Sri A. Gandhi, former Tahsildar, Nidamarru, West Godavari District now retired have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years against him. Accordingly, show cause notice was issued to the above Charged Officer for further representation in the matter vide reference 4th read above. The charged officer has submitted his explanation to the show cause notice, and requested to the drop the charges framed against him and release the pension in the reference 5th read above.

6) Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years as the Charged Officer has not putforth any new grounds for consideration. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against Sri A. Gandhi, Tahsildar Retired under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised pension Rules, 1980. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed the above punishment (Copy enclosed).

7). The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**R.KARIKAL VALAVEN**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (I/C)**

To
Sri A. Gandhi, former Tahsildar, Nadamarru, West Godavari District now retired,
D. No 3-17-b,4/8, Sriramnagar, Godarigunta, Kakinada.**(BY RP)**
**Copy to :**
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Collector West Godavari.
Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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**SECTION OFFICER**